



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

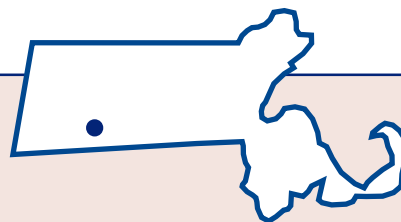
Springfield, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Springfield was selected to receive an assessment grant. Springfield has a population of 152,082 and a citywide poverty rate of 23 percent. Eight Springfield neighborhoods are included in a federally designated Enterprise Community, and all of the areas slated for assessment are in the Enterprise Community. The poverty rate of Enterprise Community neighborhoods is 44 percent, and 56 of the 75 sites included in the city's 2002 brownfields inventory are located in Enterprise Community neighborhoods.



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Springfield for a brownfields assessment grant. The city has identified two high-priority sites on Walnut Street in the Old Hill and Six Corners neighborhoods for hazardous substances assessment, and two high-priority sites in the Memorial Square neighborhood that will be assessed for possible petroleum contamination. Grant funds will be used for Phase I and II site assessments, to update the city's brownfields inventory, and for community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: City of Springfield, MA
413-787-6020

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Springfield has received brownfields funding for assessment grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.